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It is requested that the enclosed references listed on the attached Information Disclosure Citation Form PTO/SB/08/A be considered by the Patent Examiner in connection with the above-identified application and be made of record therein. The enclosed references were cited and discussed at page 1 of the present application.

Independent consideration and acknowledgment of the enclosed references are respectfully requested.

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